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3 Charged In Armed Theft

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noon.

Rogers told officers that he had been rabbit hunting in the area and decided to try his luck at something more productive. The arresting officers found an over-under 22 caliber rifle and 410 shotgun in the pickup in which the trio were riding.

A check on the .38 caliber pistol used by the robbery suspects revealed it was stolen during the riots in Washington, D.C. in 1968.

All three of the suspects are believed to have previous records and have served terms of probation for burglary or on narcotics charges.

Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones of the Eagle Lake Precinct No. 8 set the bond on the men after the charges of aggravated robbery were filed.

Officers Cooperate

Chief of Police Ashley praised the support of officers in this and neighboring counties for their assistance in quickly solving the robbery here. He said, "Such cooperation has helped in solving crimes in this community in quick fashion and should be a deterrent to others who might be thinking of committing crime in this area."

The Chief of Police and the manner in which the crime was quickly solved, were the subject of a report prepared by KPRC-TV news reporter Don Shelby, and the report was shown at the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. news reports Saturday night.

Pastor's Study Dedicated At Lissie Church

Left to right, Bishop Paul W. Milhouse of Oklahoma City; the Rev. Paul E. Garner, pastor of the Lissie United Methodist Church; and Dr. Richard H. Robinson, District Superintendent of the Houston Southwest District of the Texas Conference, are shown participating in the recent dedication of the new Pastor's Study at the Lissie United Methodist Church. Bishop Milhouse is currently president of the Council of Bishops. A number of visitors came from out of town to join the local members of the church in activities connected with the dedication of the new study.

All Tickets To Charity Ball Now Sold

The Happy Hoofers Dance Club's second annual Charity Ball, slated to be held from 8 to 12 p.m. this Saturday, February 4th at the Eagle Lake Community Center, promises to be another outstanding social event.

The maximum number of tickets for 100 couples has been passed, said Tommy Pilkington, president of the club, and there are no more tickets available for the event.

Those attending contributed to 3 worthy charities, Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Knights of Columbus Deaf Community program.

The $50 per couple donation will include dancing to music provided by Jurecka's Orchestra, snacks and drinks throughout all of evening and a buffet breakfast at the conclusion of the dance.

Dress for the event is formal.

Texas Trail Riders Assn. Begins Ride To S.A. Sat.

The Texas Trail Riders Association will begin the annual ride to San Antonio this Saturday, Feb. 4th, continuing through Fri., Feb. 10th, to assist in opening the 1978 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo on Feb. 10th.

Aubry Williams, president, and Lee Briscoe, trail boss, announce that the ride will revert back to the original route, with stops in Hallettsville, Shiner, Gonzales, near Seguin and on the Ploch Ranch between Seguin and San Antonio.

The Trail Ride Association will establish a camp ground on 90A between Altair and Hallettsville on Friday, February 3rd with registration beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The riders will leave the Sheridan camp grounds at 8 a.m. Sat., Feb. 4th and will ride to Hallettsville, with a noon stop at Sublime.

That night the activities will include the crowning of the queen and a barbecue supper will be served at 7:00 p.m. with the barbecue free to 1978 paid members and $3.00 for non-members. A dance will be held at the Veterans Hall in Hallettsville beginning at 8:00 p.m. featuring music by Wild Fire. Again members will be admitted free and admission for non-members will be $2.50 per person.

Leave Hallettsville Feb. 5

After the Blessing of the ride at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5th, the long string of riders on horseback and in wagons will begin the trek to San Antonio. A noon meal will be served at Wied Hall and then the riders will go on to Shiner for a night stop. A dance will be sponsored by the association at the Shiner VFW Hall beginning at 8:30 p.m. with music by the Velvets with admission of $2.50 for all persons, members and non-members alike.

The riders will leave Shiner at 8 a.m. Mon., Feb. 6th and ride to Gonzales for a night stop; then ride from Gonzales to a night stop just outside of Seguin on Tues., Feb. 7. Wed., Feb. 8th the group is scheduled to ride from the stop outside of Seguin to the Ploch Ranch; Thurs., Feb. 9th from the Ploch Ranch to the Coliseum campgrounds where the group will enjoy a party at the Family Center Coliseum.

On Fri., Feb. 10th, the trail riders will join other riders in the parade opening the 1978 show and the group will disband at the Coliseum at 12:30 p.m.

4 Seriously Hurt in Nada Accident Sat.

Four residents of the Garwood-Nada area are in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital with injuries received in a two-vehicle head-on collision on Highway 71 3 miles south of Garwood at 9:10 p.m. last Saturday, Jan. 28th.

Highway Patrolman Randy Baish of the Eagle Lake station investigated the accident. His report showed that a 1976 Lincoln Continental Mark IV driven by Mrs. Lorena Julia Miller, 64, of Nada was heading east on Highway 71 when Mrs. Miller began a left turn onto an unmarked county road. The officer said the Miller vehicle pulled into the westbound lane and was traveling in the westbound lane preparatory to making the turn when a 1974 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Douglas Paul Guthrie, 21, of Garwood, collided headon with the Miller auto in the westbound lane about fifty feet west of the county road.

Mrs. Miller, Guthrie and two occupants in the Guthrie car, Douglas Guthrie, 19, and Edward Castaneda, 17, both of Garwood, were rushed to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Garwood Fire Department's Emergency vehicle. They received various cuts, abrasions and broken bones in the accident, but all are reported to be recuperating this week from the injuries received.

Both vehicles were declared a total loss.

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L. B. Botard Of Sheridan Buried Mon.

Funeral services were held from the Sheridan Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30th for Lewis B. Botard, a lifelong resident of the Sheridan area.

Mr. Botard, a prominent rancher and farmer in the Sheridan area, died in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 28th.

The Rev. Bernie Helge, pastor of the Sheridan Baptist Church, officiated at the services. Interment was in the Cheatham Cemetery near Sheridan. Serving as pallbearers were J. L. Vawter, Alfred Botard, Warren Botard, Derwin Johnson, Jack Shaw, Henry Rabel, Lewis Botard and Jack Vawter. Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Botard was born July 15, 1891 near Sheridan, the son of Louis and Sophie Botard. He was united in marriage with Miss Daisy Bell Townsend on August 16, 1914 and she preceded him in death in August of 1972.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Lois Vawter, Mrs. Maudie Townsend, and Mrs. Blanche Johnson, all of Sheridan; also three sons, Albert W., Lewis A. and Guy R. Botard, also all of Sheridan; two sisters, Mrs. Augusta Evans of Columbus and Mrs. Lillian Adams of Yoakum; 24 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of this loved one.

Cable TV

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the third reading at the city council meeting on [illegible].

Review Facility [illegible]

Joe Strobel, representing Bernard Johnson, Inc., of Houston, came before the city council to review a study by his firm of a sewer facility plan for Eagle Lake to fulfill requirements set forth by governmental regulation. Strobel told the council that it was the recommendation of the [illegible] that the city consider the conversion to a contact stabilization system at the current treatment plant site utilizing existing structures of the trickling filter system, now in use, with some modification.

He told the council that the conversion would have an estimated cost of $523,000 opposed to $723,000 for a brand new contact stabilization system.

A public hearing, required for application for federal funds, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Council Room of the Municipal Building to discuss the economical and social effects of the location, design, and environmental impact of a new facility for Eagle Lake.

LCRA Mgr.

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would result in property damages downstream 10 times that of damages in the reservoir area. This obviously seems to be an inequitable distribution and unrealistic balance. The effect of the plan would be complete elimination of the flood control facet of the dam structure and this, after all, was the primary reason the spillway on Mansfield Dam was increased from its originally planned height to 714 feet.

Electricity Savings

I mentioned at the meeting that during last year, through proper handling and conservation of waters in the Highland Lakes, including Lake Travis, we were able to save our electric power users in excess of $8,000,000 in fuel costs. At present day fuel costs, it would be significantly more than that. I believe this is important to all of our electric customers, including those on Lake Travis.

The current review of Mansfield Dam operations is not the first to be made since the dam was built. Operating procedures have been reviewed on two previous occasions and subsequently revised in light of then-existing river conditions which can change from time to time.

I believe the Corps of Engineers and everyone involved will seek to find a realistic balance between upstream and downstream property owners, as well as the economic factors involved.

We are dedicated to operating the Highland Lakes in the best manner possible for the public interest and will continue to do so within the limit of our contractual obligations with the United States government and the regulations promulgated by the Corps of Engineers.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong announced he has turned down a federal appointment and will seek re-election.

Priorities

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use of the facilities in the Municipal Building.

He also reported that the Sign Replacement Program in the city has been completed, indicating that the program has been inspected and approved by the state and payment has been made in full in the amount of $3,269.62. The State will reimburse the city for the cost of the signs; the costs of installation, etc., are borne by the city.

FM 3013 R-Way Obtained

All right of way for the Farm to Market 3013 extension on the eastern edge of the city has been acquired, reported Smith, noting that the last portion of the right of way was purchased from B. D. Anderson, Jr. at a cost of $3,750.

Acquisition of this final portion of right of way has been under negotiation for over six months and the project has been delayed. It is anticipated that the Highway Department will submit the section to the bidders for possible letting of a contract in the near future.

The slab pour deadline for the apartment project proposed by Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore on property purchased from the city on Davitt Street, is February 20th. The city manager said that Dr. Roquemore will appear at the next council meeting to report on progress on her apartment project. Smith did indicate that a change in her original plans had been made in that she will be working with private funds rather than seeking federal aid in the construction.

Another housing project in Eagle Lake by Friedman and Associates of Houston, for a 50-unit complex on Austin Road, has been approved, said Smith, and construction plans are now being prepared.

Health Officer Named

In other action the council approved the appointment of Dr. J. C. Laughlin as City Health Officer for 1978; and also the selection of Pierce Arthur, Certified Public Accountant, of Columbus as the auditor.

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Bufford Ashley appeared before the council and indicated that a new patrolman, Richard LeCourse, has accepted the position vacated by the recent resignation of former city patrol officer James Brooks, Jr., and the new patrolman was due to begin work on February 1st.

3 Found Dead

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robbery and homicide divisions and other officers came to this area in an attempt to locate the bodies of the three missing persons, believed by then to have been killed before the car was torched. Assisting in the search were a helicopter and a fixed aircraft from the Houston PD as well as helicopters from Houston Television Stations Channels 11 and 13. The search was made in canals, in creeks, rice fields and pastures in the area but no bodies were located.

The car was released to the Houston Police Department and returned to that city for further investigation.

Bodies Found Near Shiner

Saturday, three bodies believed to be those of the three missing persons, Fantich, Rose and Fitzpatrick, were found partially buried on a ranch near Shiner, Texas.

Police charged three Houston men with capital murder in the deaths. One of the men was arrested in Houston immediately and the other two were arrested soon afterward in Grand Junction, Colo.

Charged with murder are Mark Richard Cass, 22, David Allen Roeder, 20, and Robert Avila, 23, all of Houston.

Capt. L. N. Zoch of the Houston Police Department and Joe Williams, a Houston robbery detective, stated that Avila led them to the grave about three miles east of Shiner, on a 76 acre ranch leased by Bernard Roeder of Houston, the father of one of the men charged with capital murder.

Avila admitted to the officers that Fantich and Williams were abducted and the two men were taken to Ms. Rose's jewelry store which was robbed of an estimated $200,000 in jewelry and she too was abducted.

The trio were taken to an apartment jointly rented by Avila and Roeder and then they took the trio to the ranch near Shiner Monday night. Tuesday, after a shallow grave was dug, the trio was taken out, still bound, forced to stand by the side of the grave, and shot to death.

Avila admitted further to the officers that after the killings, he, Roeder and Cass returned to Houston, stopping on the way to burn Fantich's car in an isolated area about four miles east of Eagle Lake.

County Financial Statement Is Published

1977 financial statement and financial transactions for Colorado County is published elsewhere in this issue of the Headlight, reflecting the excellent financial condition of this county.

The statement, prepared by County Auditor M. L. Briscoe listed total cash on hand as of December 31st, 1977 at $511,990.89 and a total of $696,096.23 in certificates of deposit with the county depository, the Columbus State Bank.

The report showed further that the county had $915,217.77 in certificates of deposit on January 1, 1977 and $405,258.07 cash on hand at that time. During the year the county received a total of $2,084,091.43 in cash.

During the year a total of $1,542,122.47 was transferred between funds, $1,977,382.74 was disbursed, leaving the cash balance of $511,990.89 on January 1, 1978.

The financial statement may be found on page eleven of this issue.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Margaret Wilcox In Piano Recital At Southwestern

• Miss Margaret Wilcox will be presented in her Junior Piano Recital at Southwestern University in Georgetown this Sunday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. in the Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center.

Miss Wilcox, a Bachelor of Fine Arts student majoring in piano with a minor in organ, will be performing works ranging from Mozart, Brahms, Chopin, Ravel and Coplands.

There will be a reception honoring Miss Wilcox following the recital. The public is invited and the admission is free.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wilcox of Eagle Lake.

• Eagle Lake volunteer firemen are now wearing attractive "Goose Hunting Capital of the World" shoulder patches on their uniforms and the fire department has a number of the pretty patches available for sale to other interested persons. The patches may be obtained from any member of the fire department, or from Melvin Stancik at the Furniture Shoppe, for $1.50 each.

• The news letter from Upper Room Books and Gifts announces that Mr. and Mr. Jay Anderson have sold their interest in Upper Room Books and Gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Anderson. Jay and Fay say they deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in them in letting them serve you for these past five years. Store services will continue as usual.

Cancer Society Meet In Columbus 7:30 Next Tues.

Colorado County's chapter of the American Cancer Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 7th in the CPL Building in Columbus and all interested citizens in the area are invited and urged to attend.

Gardner Seaholm of Eagle Lake, chairman of the county chapter, says that several important projects will be discussed including service and rehabilitation for cancer patients and their families.

Keep up with all activities of the Rice School District by reading the Headlight.

Troop 334 Court Of Honor Mon.

• Eagle Lake Boy Scout Troop 334 will hold a Court of Honor ceremony in the Eagle Lake Middle School at 7:30 p.m. next Monday, Feb. 6th and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Verlin Argo, Scoutmaster, also announces that all boys who have completed the fifth grade or are 11 years and older who wish to become members of Troop 334 will be registered at that time.

Pesticide Certifi. Sessions Next Wk.

Colorado County citizens will have an opportunity to complete a training program leading to certification as private applicators by attending one of the following programs scheduled: Monday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Weimar City Hall; Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lions Den at Garwood and at 7:30 p.m. in the Freisburg Catholic Church Hall; Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center; Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sheridan Community Center; and Monday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Agricultural Building in Columbus.

Many citizens of the county have already obtained their pesticide certificates as a result of their attending one of a similar series of training meetings held throughout the county during May 1977, states Leroy J. Hajdik, Colorado County Extension Agent. Others certified themselves through the home self-study course. These people will not have to repeat the training.

Hajdik further stated, "That this is a final large scale effort to get the people certified before the Federal Law is implemented."

The Private Applicator Certification Training Program, one of the optional means of qualifying for certification as a private applicator of restricted-use pesticides, includes a discussion of laws, labels and labeling, pesticide safety, mixing and calibration and pests and pest damage identification. The program prepared by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service includes a review of certain questions relating to the information presented. The program will require approximately 2½ hours. No exam is involved. Those attending and seeking certification as private applicators will have an opportunity to complete a Request for Private Applicator Certification which will be forwarded to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for issuance of certification.

As an alternative to participation in a training program, an individual may qualify for certification as a private applicator by submitting a completed questionnaire to the Texas Department of Agriculture following a review of self-study materials. The self-study materials may be obtained at the county Extension office.

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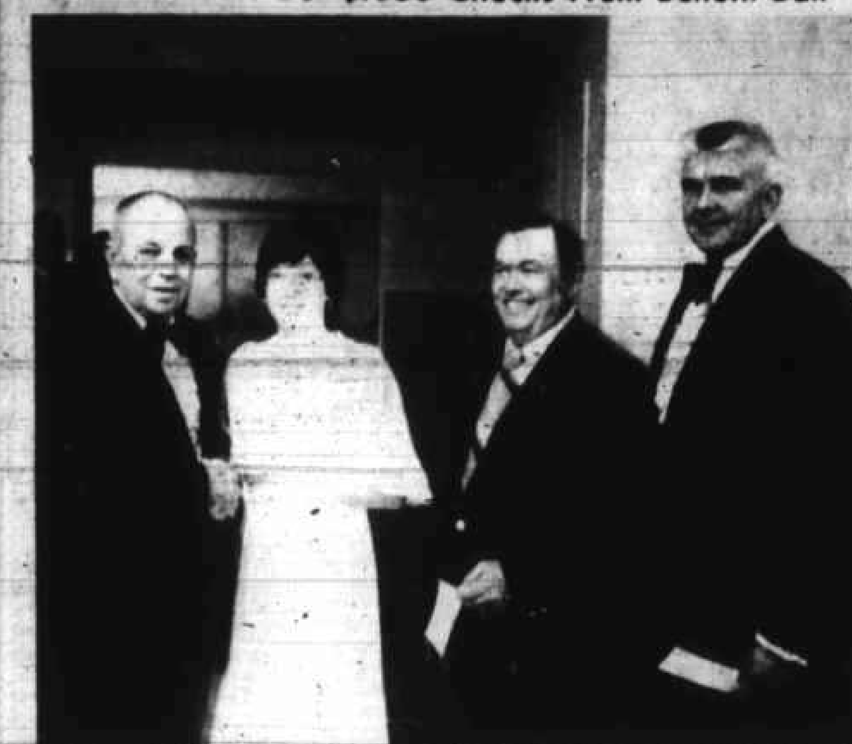
4 Charities Get $1000 Checks From Benefit Ball



Four charities received checks for $1000.00 each as the result of the successful second annual Happy Hoofers Charity Ball held in the Community Center last Saturday night. At the left, J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington, president of the dance club, is shown presenting the $1000 checks to: left to right, Mrs. Glenn (Kay) Harbers, representing the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Jack Shaver, representing the Colorado Valley Shrine Club for the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital; and to L. J. (Sonny) Spanihel representing the Knights of Columbus Deaf Community Fund. Another $1000 check was given by the club to the Eagle Lake Community Center for the renovations and addition program. See page 7 for more on the second annual charity ball.

Hearing On Management Of Marshall Dam Here Sat.

Congressmen Young, Rep. Wilson, Col. Wall To Attend

Interested citizens in the area are invited to attend a hearing to be held by the United States Corps of Engineers relative to the management of Marshall Ford Dam and Lake Travis, near Austin, at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 11th in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Expected to be present for the hearing will be United States Congressman John Young of the 9th Congressional District; Representative John Wilson of La Grange, representing this county and others in the Colorado River valley. The meeting will be conducted by Colonel John F. Wall, District Engineer of the Corps of Engineers.

Lightly Publicized

At 7 p.m. January 5th the Corps of Engineers held a hearing on the Lake Travis Flood Regulation Plan in Austin and the meeting received little publicity in the Lower Colorado River area.

State Representative John Wilson said in a letter to the Headlight editor, dated February 2nd, that "I was not aware of this hearing until the evening it occurred, and subsequently wrote a letter to the Corps raising this lack of notice and protesting any management change."

He added in his letter, "that the original purpose of the high dam at Marshall's Ford should be preserved.

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Consol. Fund Board Meets To Evaluate Drive Victory

$10,660 Total Raised During Drive

The Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund Board of Directors met Monday, January 23rd at the First Presbyterian Church and received the report of treasurer Mrs. Laura Holden that the 1978 drive has brought in a total of $10,660 to date. This figure includes $894.59 raised for CROP by the youth bike-ride under the Consolidated Fund umbrella.

The Board, chaired by President Dr. Jim Stansel, voted to pay the $7700 budgeted to the following: Boy Scouts, $1200; Girl Scouts, $1200; Little League, $400; Texas Rehabilitation Center, $500; Salvation Army $1000; M. D. Anderson Cancer Research, $1200; Red Cross, $1000; and Local Relief, $1000.

Support Expanded

Additional needs were considered because of the generous response to the drive. The Board voted to add $105.50 to the $894.50 raised by the youth for CROP and send a check for $1000. A request from Fort Bend Alcoholic Counseling Service was received favorably with an allocation of $500.

The additional funds in excess of the budget were set aside for the time being to have available for other agencies which may want to be included in the Consolidated Fund rather than have individual drives. Winter circumstances may also require additional funds for local relief.

Name Executive Committee

In other action the Board voted to authorize the Executive Committee to make decisions on spending money from the Contingency Fund. The Executive Committee is made up of Dr. Jim Stansel, President; the Rev. Olen Kennell, Vice-President; the Rev. Melburn Sibley, Secretary; and Mrs. Laura Holden, Treasurer.

It was determined that full Board action would be required to add a new agency to the Fund. Furthermore, it was voted that any new agencies would be investigated and that there will be an annual review of all agencies to be included in the budget.

The Board discussed a change in the make-up of the Board to give a broader base of support. Action on this possible change will be taken at the next Board meeting which is scheduled for April. Budget considerations for 1979 will also begin at the next meeting.

Members present for the January meeting were Dr. Jim Stansel, George Welsch, Mrs. Laura Holden, Jim Clipson, Jr., Gene Brown, Melburn Sibley, and Olen Kennell.

The Board expresses deep thanks to the community for their overwhelming response, said the Rev. Mr. Sibley, secretary in behalf of the board.

Mrs. Bodungen Asks Re-election As Treasurer

Mrs. Martha Bodungen announces this week that she will be a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer and will appreciate the support of citizens throughout the county.

Mrs. Bodungen is completing her sixteenth year as County Treasurer and is asking re-election to a new four-year term in the office.

She commented that she has strived to serve all citizens of the county impartially and diligently and will continue to do so if elected to her fifth term as county treasurer.

Lakeside Irrigation Reports On Water Status at BBQ Monday

Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc. of Eagle Lake hosted a large group of rice producers and landowners for a barbecue dinner and discussion of the water situation as it affects the farmers irrigating rice from the company's canal system in the forthcoming 1978 crop year and in future years.

Dan A. Thornton, president of the company, told the gathering that mounting expenses will force costs of water for rice irrigation to go up again slightly for the 1978 crop year, to around $40 per acre or less.

He discussed results of hearings held in November of last year on the company's rights to use water from the Colorado River for irrigation, commenting, "we believe that we made a good presentation and expect favorable reception," but he added that it might be from two to five years before any final decision is made by the Texas Water Rights Commission upholding or approving the Lakeside Irrigation Company's rights to use water from the Colorado River.

He stated that meanwhile, the status of the company's

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J. F. Miller Ford Is New Dealership Here

J. F. Miller Ford, Inc., is the name of the Ford and Mercury dealership in Eagle Lake since Jim F. Miller, took over ownership and operation of the business on February 1st.

Mr. Miller was formerly a partner for four years in a Ford dealership in Anahuac. He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a member of the Society of Professional Engineers. He spent from 1955 to 1957 serving with the U. S. Army.

The new Ford dealer and wife, Marlene, have three children, Kevin who is attending the University of Texas, Bret who is serving in the U. S. Navy, and a daughter, Leslie, who will be a sophomore at Rice High School when the family completes locating here.

The family is active in the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Miller said that the dealership will continue to serve the area with a complete line of Ford and Mercury automobiles and other vehicles and will offer top quality and prompt service at all time.

Personnel in the office, parts and service departments will continue as in the past.

Miller purchased the dealership from Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor who had been operating the business as the Steve Taylor Ford and prior to that the Smith-Taylor Ford, Inc.

The Millers desperately need to locate a home to rent in the community and anyone who has rental property for the family is invited to call 234-2556.

Meanwhile, Mr. Miller is commuting but the family hopes to complete the move here soon.

He invites citizens in the area to come by for a visit at any time, but especially to watch for a big grand opening event which will be held early in March. The grand opening has been delayed due to the fact that strikes have curtailed delivery of vehicles and the new owner says that he wants to have a full line of products to show when the grand opening event comes around.

Citizens of the area welcome the Millers to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor have not announced plans for the future.

Council OK's Sewer Plant Design Mon.

The City of Eagle Lake held a public meeting in the council room of the Municipal Building at 2:00 p.m. Monday for a discussion of the economical and social effects of the location, design and environmental impact of a 0.5 million gallon per day wastewater treatment facility to be constructed on the existing treatment plant site. Although the meeting was open to the public only editor Fred R. Franks was present in addition to four representatives of the engineering firm of Bernard Johnson of Houston; and members of the city council, Gene Baker, Alvin Kohleffel and Roy Dean Van Nort; Mayor Elmer Struss, City Manager T. J. Smith and secretary Miss Lucille Perry.

Representing Bernard Johnson at the hearing were Joe Strobel, project engineer, Syed A. Maqsood, Michele M. Hightower and Robert M. Rossman, Jr.

The Bernard Johnson representatives read into the official record several letters from the Environmental Protective Agency and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, noted no opposition to the proposal. The Corps of Engineers did however request that further clarification be made on the

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J.P. Pct. 6 Race Only County Contest

The deadline for filing for a place on the May 6th Democratic Primary election ballot passed at 6:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6th with only one contest resulting.

The only contest, on the ballot, will be in Justice of the Peace Precinct 6 where incumbent Francis Truchard will be opposed by Lee Roy Dees.

All incumbents had filed with the secretary of the Democratic Party Werner Stavinoha before the deadline with the exception of Justice of the Peace Dittman Harrison in JP Precinct 7. The secretary said that it is possible that the filing fee and necessary papers are in the mail and would be acceptable if postmarked before the 6 p.m. Monday deadline.

On the county level, all incumbents filed, including County Judge Lester J. Cranek, County Clerk Lester Schneider, District Clerk Harvey Vornsand, County Treasurer Mrs. Martha Bodungen, County Surveyor Leonard Frank.

Also two precinct County Commissioners, Rafael Veselka in Weimar precinct 2 and L. W. (Bill) Stiles, Jr., in Eagle Lake Precinct 4, will be unopposed on the ballot.

Other justices of the peace who filed and will not be opposed on the May 6th ballot include: Richard C. Schmidt in precinct 1, W. A. Hefner in precinct 2, Dennis Poppe in precinct 3, Joe Kaye in precinct 4, Mary Frances Ordner in precinct 5, and M. M. Jones in precinct 8.

EL Lions Mop, Broom Sale Reset Feb. 16

Due to the recent inclement weather which has caused delays in scheduling of the van of the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Mop and Broom Sale scheduled for this Thursday, Feb. 9th, has been postponed until Thursday, Feb. 16th.

Your cooperation in rescheduling your purchases of household items from the local Lions to the new date on Feb. 16th, will be appreciated.

Garwood Mop, Broom Sale Reset Wed., Feb. 15

Due to inclement weather which has thrown the Lighthouse for the Blind van behind schedule the sale of mops, brooms, household items and light bulbs planned in Garwood and Nada on Wednesday of this week has been postponed until Wednesday of next week, Feb. 15th.

The Garwood Lions will be making a house to house canvass or items will be on sale at the office of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association on Highway 71.

Sept. Grand Jury Returns 32 Indictments Monday

The Grand Jury for the February term of court concluded its work at around 6 p.m. Monday and returned a total of 32 indictments. Alvin W. Prause of Weimar was named foreman of the jury by District Judge E. W. Patteson who presided at the selection of the jurors. Others serving on the grand jury were: Mrs. Leslie Miller and Mary B. Polasek of Alleyton; Mrs. Evelyn Hudec, James E. Dahse and Bennie Koehn of Weimar; Mrs. R. L. (Bob) Cook, Jr. and Mike Duarte of Eagle Lake; Ben H. Waligura, John T. Ward, Sr., Virginia Wicks of Garwood and Mrs. Anthony Grafe of Columbus.

Included among those indicted were the three persons charged with aggravated robbery in the daylight armed robbery of the [illegible] Little Market on East Main Street on Wed., January 25th. Beverly Robinson Wellman, Elijah Crosby Petitt and Donald Victor Rogers were indicted in the aggravated robbery and for use of a pistol to threaten the life of Elizabeth Betancourt who was on duty at the time of the robbery.

Indictments Listed

The list of indictments returned by the grand jury also included:

* James Allen Jobe, aggravated assault for an alleged assault on peace officer Richard LaCourse Jan. 7, 1978;
* Camilo Guerra, Jr., for burglary of the Longhorn Drive In Grocery owned by Lee Briscoe in Columbus Oct. 10, 1977;
* Camilo Guerra, Jr., Mildred Morris, Bruce Kelley and Linda Prescott Carey, possession of marijuana in an amount over four ounces on Nov. 11, 1977;
* Dale Thompson, theft, for allegedly taking clothing from

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Ag. Commr. To Speak At Co-op Meet

Reagan V. Brown, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture will address the Garwood Farmers Co-op Assn. annual meeting Thursday, Feb. 9th. The meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at the K.J.T. Hall in Nada.

A native of Henderson, Brown has been involved in the agricultural progress of Texas for over three decades, not only in encouraging high production levels, but also in improving the quality of life and economic stability of rural communities.

Red Cross Instructor's Course Here Sat.

An American Red Cross instructor's course will be held here, beginning this Saturday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the Ambulance Hall.

The course will be sponsored by the Eagle Lake Unit of the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps.

For more information on the course, call Mrs. LaVon Toliver at 234-2111.

Vaccination Clinic Fri.

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held this Friday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Center, 400 W. Prairie Street, in Eagle Lake.

Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella will be given to infants, pre-schoolers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.

VFW To Hold First Weekly Benefit Mon.

The Eagle Lake Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 8783, will hold the first of a series of benefit parties at the Eagle Lake Community Center Monday night and they invite one and all to attend any or all of the sessions.

There will be fun for all ages and also drinks and food will be offered for sale by the VFW members.

Garwood Fire Dept. Benefit Ball Sat.

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department will stage its annual Benefit Ball at the Nada K.J.T. Hall this Saturday, Feb. 11th and one and all are invited to make plans to attend the event.

Sammy and the Midnighters will provide music for dancing from 9 to 1. Admission will be by donation.

You may make table reservations, at 25c per chair, by calling 758-3322.

Proceeds from the event will be used for the purchase of equipment.

Mental Health Center Moved

The Colorado County Mental Health Center, formerly located at 125 Main Street in Weimar, announces it has moved to new offices at 314 Spring Street in Columbus, in the County Agricultural Building.

The personnel at the Center include Mrs. Connie Kotrla, secretary; Marianne Muehr, R.N., clinic nurse; and Sidney R. MacAllister, Director.

The Mental Health Center is an outreach service of the San Antonio State Hospital and as such serves discharged clients and also persons from the community who can benefit from mental health services.

Hours that the Center operates are Monday through Friday, 8 to 12 and 1 to 5. The phone number is 713/732-6126.

Murder Is Charged In Shooting

An Elm Grove man is charged with murder in a shooting in front of the Lemons Grocery Store in the Elm Grove community, located south of Eagle Lake, near the Colorado and Wharton county line on Farm to Market Road 2614 on Thursday night of last week.

The incident resulted during an argument between two Elm Grove men. Dead is Benny Lee Bluntson, around 19 years old. He was shot once in the head with a 12-gauge shotgun while he sat in a friend's car in front of the Lemons Grocery at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Charged in the murder is Alvin D. Jackson, 21, also of Elm Grove. Wharton County Prec. 1 Justice of the Peace Isaac Garrett set Jackson's bond at $50,000 Thursday night.

The two men were allegedly arguing earlier that night, and after the two were separated, Jackson reportedly went home and got the shotgun, then walked to the grocery store where Bluntson was sitting in the front passenger seat of a friend's car.

Wharton County sheriff's deputy Joe Covarrubio reported that Jackson walked up to the car, opened the front passenger door and shot Bluntson in the right side of the head at point blank range.

Covarrubio theorized that the shell might have been weak as there was no exit wound and the driver of the car was not injured by the blast.

Jackson made no attempt to flee and was arrested by Covarrubio and deputies [illegible] and [illegible] at the scene.

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Gov. Briscoe Visits In County Tues.

Despite the rain and inclement weather, Governor Dolph Briscoe and Mrs. Briscoe made their scheduled visit to Colorado County and other counties in this area on Tuesday. They arrived in Columbus about thirty minutes late since they were unable to fly from San Antonio as planned, but nevertheless they received an enthusiastic reception by nearly sixty people at the Holiday Inn Jr. Governor Briscoe, who is seeking re-election, told the gathering that he and Mrs. Briscoe (Janey) appreciated the support which has come from citizens of this county and predicted that with such support the campaign for re-election will be a success. Governor and Mrs. Briscoe are shown shortly after their arrival in Columbus. At the right is [illegible] of Columbus, who made arrangements for the visit of the governor in this county.